

12/6/24

Dear Wyoming Families,

Although it seemed to go by too fast, we had a great week back from break. Our students demonstrated focus and kindness as they worked together in pursuit of achieving their academic goals. With five instructional days before exams and the end of the first semester, please continue to have proactive communications with your student about what they can do to be successful. Please also encourage your student to communicate with their teachers if they have any questions about their assignments and/or exams and reach out to our office if there is anything we can do to help. Thank you for your continued partnership. We hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Youth Truth Student Survey:

On Thursday, December 12th, your child will be invited to participate in the YouthTruth Student Survey. The YouthTruth Student Survey is a nationally recognized survey used in hundreds of schools and districts across the country, surveying hundreds of thousands of students. The survey asks students about their experiences in the school and with their teachers, including how engaged they are at school, the rigor of their coursework, and their preparedness for the future. Although we want to hear from all students, participation in this survey is voluntary. Your child's ratings will not be identified in any reports because results are shared at the group level. Our school, other schools, and researchers may use such information for developing plans to help schools and teachers improve. For information about this anonymous survey, please visit http://youthtruthsurvey.org.

If after reviewing the survey information you would like your child to opt out of this survey, please complete the opt out form found here, or send an email to Sarah McMullen, assistant principal mcmullens@wyomingcityschools.org by Tuesday, December 10th. Please include Youth Truth Opt Out in the subject line of your email.

We look forward to gathering student voices and hearing more from them about their experiences at Wyoming High School.

District Update:

Click here for more Events and Information from around WCS & the community, including:

- Finance Friday: Our Latest Five Year Forecast
- WMS Play This Weekend!
- Upcoming Events
- WSMA's Fortissimo to Go on Dec. 7
- WyoShop Hours
- JWC Light Up Wyoming Luminary Sales

1st Semester Exam Information:

As we prepare for next month, please review our exam schedule and information below:

Monday 12/16	Tuesday 12/17	Wednesday 12/18	Thursday 12/19	Friday 12/20
Review day	Bell 1 Exam (8:00-10:00)			Bell 4 Exam (8:00-10:00)
Regular schedule	Break (10:00-10:20)			Break (10:00-10:20)
	Bell 5 Exam (10:20-12:20)			Make Up Exam (10:20-12:20)

Student Expectations:

- Students must be in their scheduled locations and stay there for the entire exam period!
 - Students will not report when they have APEX, Art, Health, P.E., SSL or Study Hall.
 - Music courses will have an exam/experience that is worth 10% of their semester grade.
 - No early exam testing: all make-up exams will occur Friday, December 20th or during the first week of school when we return in January.

Below you will find important dates and information for the future:

Monday, December 9 - December 13, 2024

Upcoming Weekly Events:			
12/9/24	Regular Bell Schedule		
12/10/24	Flex Bell Schedule		
12/11/24	Regular Bell Schedule		
12/12/24	 Flex Bell Schedule YOUTH TRUTH SURVEY DURING FLEX Holiday Musical Showcase Concert @ 7:30 p.m. in the Pendery Auditorium 		
12/13/24	 Assembly Bell Schedule Winter Holiday Concert for students during the school day 		
Quick Reminders	 EOC test retake window: December 9th - January 13th Exams: December 17th - 20th 		

NHS

The Wyoming High School National Honor Society is proud to sponsor our second Winter Warmth Drive in partnership with Cincinnati's St. George Food Pantry. This organization has partnered with WHS for years by accepting WHS volunteers during days of school wide service, providing valuable insights into the Greater Cincinnati community's needs, and is run by Wyoming's own Joann Callahan!

Please send in the items listed in the advertisements with your child for donation to their respective Flex classroom. The Flex classroom with the most donations will win a celebratory breakfast treat after winter break. Let's beat last year's winning donation total of 1,046 items!





National Honor Society Presents: "Cookies & Cram"

- Are you in need of some help to prepare for our 1st semester exams?
- Maybe this is your first time taking exams or you just need some group support to review?
- Need specific content support to understand ideas/concepts?

The WHS National Honor Society has you covered!

The National Honor Society is hosting our second annual "Cookies & Cram" event on Friday, December 13th from 4-7pm. Join us to receive small group help preparing for exams from our school's academic leaders. National Honor Society members will provide guidance, tutoring, and support while you review content, complete study guides, practice assessments, etc. Enjoy some refreshments and a positive academically focused evening prior to our final week before winter break!



Vote for Cole and Jackson:

Here is the **VOTING LINK** where you can find Cole Rensberger's video (featuring Jackson Kreitzer) on Fox 19. To vote you can click on the heart icon and enter your information. Let's get Cole's PSA a commercial spot in the Super Bowl. Thank you for your continued support for our WHS students! Also, here is a link to their <u>interview on Fox 19</u>! They did such an amazing job! Kudos to them and our Oral Communications teachers for a little pre-interview prep!

Attendance:

It would be helpful if students/guardians could **provide notice prior to dismissal**, so that classrooms are not interrupted and also so students can have dismissal slips prior to leaving and ready to sign out when parents pick up students.

The preferred methods are either to call the attendance line at 513-206-7062 or email information to whostendance@wyomingcityschools.org.

To report a student absence, a parent or guardian should send the dates and reason for the absence to whsattendance@wyomingcityschools.org or call 513-206-7062. More information about attendance procedures and much more can be found in the 2024-2025 Wyoming High School Student and Parent Handbook.

Counselor's Update:

COLLEGE COUNSELING/TESTING

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SENIORS:

- 12/6/24 Weekly Application Update
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid is live! Students and Families will begin that process by clicking <u>HERE</u>. Please refer to <u>this presentation</u> should you have questions about FAFSA completion. Plan on completing the FAFSA as soon as possible as most institutions are more generous with aid earlier in the process.

JUNIORS:

• Junior Family Meetings have begun and we are so excited to begin our work with the class of 2026! Junior Family Meetings are a time to discuss post-secondary goals and the steps students (with parent/guardian input) need to take to reach those goals. Mrs. Meis advises last names A-K and Mrs. Bunton advises last names L-Z. The links to sign up for this very important meeting are here: Mrs. Meis or Mrs. Bunton. This meeting needs to occur by April 1st. If you experience difficulty finding a time that works for you, please contact Mrs. Meis meisc@wyomingcityschools.org or Mrs. Bunton buntonn@wyomingcityschools.org directly.

TESTING

- JUNIORS: ACT Boot Camp Registration is open! TorchPrep, our ACT test prep partner, is accepting registrations for ACT Boot Camp being held at Wyoming High School January 23rd February 22nd. This class prepares students for the February 25th ACT all juniors will take during the school day. Register HERE by January 12th to avoid a late fee! Other test prep opportunities are linked here:
 - o Test Prep Resource.
 - The Junior College Planning Guide also contains resources on ACT/SAT prep.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Wyoming High School and Hamilton County ESC have partnered to introduce LinkedUp Connect – a new online platform that connects students with real-life work-based learning opportunities. Through LinkedUp Connect, students can explore pre-apprenticeships, internships, job shadowing, community service, and more, all tailored to their interests.

These experiences not only prepare students for the workforce but also play a key role in meeting Ohio's graduation requirements. Encourage your student to take advantage of this innovative tool and explore the opportunities waiting for them with LinkedUp Connect!

This year's program is only open to juniors and seniors. If you would like to have access to the opportunities available through LinkedUp Connect please complete the <u>LinkedUp Connect</u>

<u>Parent Consent Form.</u> Click the links below for more information or contact <u>Nikki Bunton</u> or <u>Ariana Sanders.</u>

- o LinkedUp Connect Parent Guide
- o <u>LinkedUp Connect Student Guide</u>



SCHOOL COUNSELING

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Students interested in Scarlet Oaks

 Great Oaks met with all sophomores on 11/14 to review the opportunities, programs and application process available at their campuses.

See more here \rightarrow 24-25 Scarlet Oaks information packet

- January 17th (afternoon) field trip to Scarlet Oaks. Students must sign up using the QR code in FLEX or this link, before winter break! Interested students must sign up before winter break.
- February 6th Scarlet Oaks Applications due
 We strongly encourage students to wait until after the Jan 17 field trip, and then
 complete their application. All applications submitted are given equal opportunity there is no advantage/disadvantage based on when the application is completed.
 - Scarlet Oaks is experiencing a few issues with their application right now. If you do not receive an email confirming your application, please email FlahertyA@greatoaks.com
- We had a <u>Sources of Strength</u> activity during FLEX on November 21st. Students
 reflected on gratitude and wrote thank you notes to trusted adults from their time in
 Wyoming City Schools. Letters will be delivered to staff so they can be aware of the
 impact they have had on our students.

CCP Students

Our CCP partner campuses are starting SPRING REGISTRATION. Please be sure
you are meeting with your CCP advisor, and arranging to have any holds removed
from your college record so you can register. Communicate these plans with your
high school counselor as soon as possible. You must be enrolled in enough
classes to be a full time student for the year especially for athletics.

Be sure to check out the <u>school's clubs and activities page</u> for more information about getting connected.

Snow Days

Calamity Days may be called for a number of reasons. Most often, a calamity day is due to hazardous road/sidewalk conditions due to inclement weather. More information about school closures and delays can be found here.

Calamity day information is shared with families through the use of our SchoolMessenger notification system. More information about SchoolMessenger, including how to make changes to your contact information, is available here.

Our annual Superintendent Thanksgiving Message serves as a test of our SchoolMessenger phone call system. This year's Superintendent Thanksgiving Message is scheduled for Tuesday, November 26. If you do not receive the phone call on November 26 or would like to make changes to the phone number used for the message, please follow these instructions or send your request by email to info@wyomingcityschools.org

Assessment Calendar:

Here is a link to our **district assessment calendar** for the 2024-2025 school year.

Yearbook:

Students, families, and friends of Wyoming!

Didn't get a chance to purchase last year's yearbook? Or do you want an extra copy? We have extra yearbooks for sale! Yearbooks for the 2023/2024 year are \$65, and a check must be made out to Wyoming High School Yearbook Club. Please see Mr. Walters in room 502, or email waltersc@wyomingcityschools.org if you would like one. We are selling them until we are out!

Student Attendance and the 2024-2025 School Calendar:

To help families stay organized when planning events, included below is a link to the school calendar so you know the days Wyoming City Schools are in session. Please make every effort to schedule trips, appointments, etc. outside of the school day. Attendance is a key component to students' academic success! WCS - School Calendar (24-25) and WCS - Printed School Calendar (24-25)

WHS Student Handbook:

WHS Student Handbook (24-25)

The Student Handbook will also be shared with students via email and is posted on the **Wyoming City School Website**.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mr. Voynovich or Mrs. McMullen.

Thank you and we hope you have a relaxing and enjoyable weekend!

Your Proud Wyoming High School Administrative Team,

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